as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as presented receive an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick/Wells 46.355

Morris Liss, Reg. No. 24,510 Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP 1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20036-3425

Telephone: 202-331-7111

Date: 8-21-01